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Stelmach and Wall form energy tag team

ENERGY Leave the West's oil alone because it's an economic driver for Canada, warned the premiers for Saskatchewan and Alberta during a joint cabinet meeting in Lloydminster yesterday.

After already scolding party leaders Monday over election promises made to cap oilsands developments some claim is a threat to Canada's environment, Premier Ed Stelmach told reporters the air quality is still better than most cities across the country.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time, the air is a better quality than in the very same city where the person who is complaining the most lives in," said Stelmach who was possibly taking a swipe at NDP Leader Jack Layton who lives in Toronto.

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It's a boy for Driver



Guitarist **Hip to be Grit?**



Rob Baker, guitarist for the rock band Tragically Hip, stands outside Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's election bus during a campaign stop in Napanee, Ont. yesterday. More coverage on pages 6 and 8.

Collateral damage fears

Cops believe SE shooting victims innocent bystanders

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Police say their biggest fear — innocent bystanders getting caught in stray bullet crossfire — has come true.

Autopsy results released yesterday on the 20-year-old victim of Sunday morning's shooting at a dance party under the guise of a wedding, identify him as known gang associate Abdullah Hussein.

"Innocent bystanders were hit by bullets. Five people were shot, but not all of them were the intended targets of gunfire," homicide Staff Sgt. Kevin Forsen told reporters.

Forsen said there were 150 to 200 people at the Albert Park Radisson Heights Community Centre in the city's southeast, but only 40 witnesses were interviewed.

Former community association president Kerry Steers said trouble at the

"Not all of them were the intended targets of gunfire."

Staff Sgt. Kevin Forsen

community hall isn't new.

"At all functions, it didn't seem to matter whether it was a wedding reception or what, we've had problems down there for years," he said.

But that may be because they weren't wedding receptions, as one source who

asked not to be named, told Metro. She says this happens all the time.

The victim was attending a dance party called 'Boustier & Stilletos' under the pretense of a wedding, but DJs were flown in to the city to spin at the event that didn't warm up until midnight.

"We've just been called to the ones that have gone awry. I think the people who rent out the halls have done their due diligence, but there is only so much they can do," Forsen said.

Market now favouring buyers, CMHC

ECONOMY Single-detached home starts in the city have dropped 60 per cent since a year ago, making it a buyers market according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The CMHC released statistics yesterday showing single-detached housing starts were only 594 in August

this year compared with 1,497 last August.

Lai Sing Louie, a senior market analysis in Cal-

gary for the CMHC told Metro the 60.3 per cent drop since August 2007 equals more selection and time for home buyers to make housing decisions.

"The market favours buyers because they have ample opportunity to choose from different options and more time to make decisions," he said.

Louie also said ultimately the prices may lower, too because people will sell for less than the asking price "to carry on with life."

However, Louie pointed out that multi-home starts are still surging.

"You can just look downtown and see all the condos being built to see that," he added.

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"(Buyers) have ample opportunity to choose from different options."

Lai Sing Louie, analyst

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at the Bay

Ex-NHLer Hruddy to host charity event

Former NHL goalie and current CBC Hockey Night in Canada analyst Kelly Hruddy will host the 6th annual Let's Talk Hockey at Flames Central on Saturday evening in support of the PREP program, which supports services for children with Down syndrome. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Investigation planned

Alberta environment minister Rob Renner, left, said there will be an provincial investigation into what caused about 90 barrels of oil to spill from a well at Canadian Forces Base Suffield near Ralston that killed up to 500 ducks and swallows Monday night.

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Boots could hit streets by 2Q '09

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POLICE Calgarians might actually see the impact of city council's decision to boost the police budget by \$25 million early next year.

Police chief Rick Hanson told reporters yesterday plans are already in the works to put a recruit class on the streets the first or second quarter next year thanks to the \$25 million allocated to the police budget over three years.

"It won't happen overnight but we'll be putting these officers where they will have the most impact in the shortest amount of time," he said of plans to hire 400 officers in three years.

Hanson said the officers will be divided between beat patrol and district help, gang enforcement, preventive education programs and a more uniformed police presence.

A Canadian nightmare

Deportation order separates husband from pregnant wife

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Four months pregnant and alone while her husband sits in a U.S. jail isn't how one Calgarian pictured their life one year after the wedding.

That's the nightmare 21-year-old Angel Valentiner-Vieriv is living after her husband was arrested after he disobeyed a deportation ruling when his refugee status was denied.

"Yes, he was supposed to be deported and we know that maybe we should have gone, but we're married and I'm pregnant and I can't imagine facing this alone," Valentiner-Vieriv told Metro exclusively.

Her husband, 24-year-old William Valentiner claimed refugee status with his family from Venezuela, a place where he says is "too dangerous to raise a family" according to Valentiner-Vieriv.

The worst part is her husband



Angel Valentiner-Vieriv holds a photo of her husband who was refused re-entrance into Canada after defying a deportation order.

band was the breadwinner; when she is forced to take maternity leave, she will not be able to make ends meet.

"If I use social programs I won't be allowed to sponsor my husband," she added.

Lorraine Lavallee with Citizenship and Immigration Canada said while she can't speak specifically on this matter, she said that just because someone marries a Canadian it doesn't ensure them citizenship.

"There are still procedures and rules to follow. They have to ensure it's a bona fide marriage," she told Metro. "If someone is ordered to leave and they overstay, they will be arrested and removed."

Woman sentenced to 3 1/2 years

THEFT A mother of three who pilfered \$1.4 million from her employer was sentenced to three and a half years in prison yesterday.

Penny Marcy Myslichuk, 36, must also pay back \$803,521 she still owes to Bennett Jones where she worked as a legal assistant during the period of 2002 to 2005.

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Ill kids need say in care: U of C study

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Chronically ill children should play an active role in their treatment and care, according to a University of Calgary research study.

Faculty of Nursing PhD student Andrea Pritchard discovered that sick kids want to be involved in managing their own illness, but are often left feeling excluded.

"This isn't necessarily the case given the dominant voices of parents, professional caregivers and health-care processes," explains Pritchard.

Pritchard explains chronically ill children should be kept informed and involved in their treatment and conducted a study over a year interviewing children between

"Kids need to feel empowered in their care and it will have an overall positive impact on their health."

Andrea Pritchard,
Nursing PhD student

seven and 11 years old.

"I am really pleased about the outcomes of the study," Pritchard says. "Kids need to feel empowered in their care and it will have an overall positive impact on their health," she added.

Pritchard and those involved were able to come up with ideas to implement strategies to include kids, all of which are being utilized by the Alberta Children's Hospital.



Two hundred women marched along Stephen Avenue yesterday at the 5th Annual Survivors Parade to kick off the Think Pink Week and CIBC Run for the Cure in October.

Think Pink hits ground walking

PARADE More than 200 women in pink gathered together by one common bond yesterday in a survivors fight against breast cancer.

The 5th Annual Survivors Parade bought together courageous women in celebration yesterday as the group of pink walked from

Bankers Hall to Stephen Avenue sharing their joy with onlookers.

Walker Arlene Morton, who is an eight-year survivor, said it is important to bring awareness to the fact not only older women are getting breast cancer, but younger women, too.

"This walk is a chance for

us to hear each other's stories and while we're all different we're all connected by one common thing."

The Survivors Parade kicks off the Think Pink Week, which runs Sept. 15-19 and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's CIBC Run for the Cure on Oct. 15.

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Style over sickness at Live'r Up

FUNDRAISER Even though she is living with liver disease, one Calgary woman counts herself lucky and is raising money for those with the disease who are less fortunate than her.

Carrie Paxson, 38, found out she has one of over 100 types of liver disease, but said she still feels healthy and able to work full time.

"I have seen some really, really sick people suffering from liver diseases and it's really sad," she said. "The scary thing is it can happen to anyone."

Paxson is putting on Live'r Up, a Hollywood-style fundraiser where Paxson encourages women to grab their heels and cocktail dresses and walk the red carpet in an effort to raise \$45,000 for the cause.

For more information or to buy tickets to the Saturday night event visit www.liverup.ca.

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Environment overtakes health as issue

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Environmental stewardship has become the new health care on this season's federal election catwalks.

University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the two have a lot in common, as their symbolic nature leave no real-

istic hope for solutions, tugging at the heartstrings of the populace while overriding the perceived reality of the situation.

"The environment is about as bogus as health care," Cooper said, noting the power of a 20 year Liberal public relations campaign framing the Medicare issue as intrinsic to who we are has worn off and the environment issue comes down to who can scream their green virtues louder.

"People get very excited but, it's certainly not practical."

Calgary and Area Physicians Association past-president Dr. Glenn Comm figures health care has fallen off of the radar because previous governments lost their moral authority to talk about it through repetitive inaction year after year.

"Everybody knows it's a problem and I guess it has just reached the point where it's no longer news," Comm said.

Health Sciences Association of Alberta president Elisabeth Ballermann says it's unfortunate that the two issues are being viewed as mutually exclusive.

Riding: Calgary Southwest

The former riding of Reform party founder Preston Manning and current riding of incumbent Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

Calgary Southwest is home to 86,245 eligible voters, according to the 2001 Census, and 19 per cent hold university degrees

Name: Stephen Harper
Age: 49 **Party:** Tories
Quote: "We've stuck to our principles, delivered on our commitments and demonstrated an ability to bring about consensus on big national issues that transcend party lines."
Job: Prime Minister

Name: Marlene Lamontagne
Age: 73 **Party:** Liberal
Quote: "In my career, I've been the first to do a lot of things, but I'd be quite happy to be the second rookie candidate that takes down the Prime Minister."
Job: Chair, Assessment Review Board, MD Foothills

Name: Kelly Christie
Age: 48 **Party:** Green Party
Quote: "We need to stop subsidizing non-renewable resources and give that money to companies focused on renewable ones, like wind or solar power, because I want there to be a future for our children."
Job: Construction

Name: Holly Heffernan
Age: 52 **Party:** NDP
Quote: "I look at it as he's just another candidate; he's not the Prime Minister, he's my MP and I don't think he's done a very good job as either."
Job: Nurse

Name: Dennis Young
Age: 44
Party: Libertarian (Leader)
Quote: "If we could steal enough votes from a Conservative so a Liberal could win, that would be a huge feather in our caps"
Job: Legal adviser

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Tory candidate revealed as member of Opus Dei

A Conservative candidate running in a Montreal South Shore riding is a past spokeswoman and current member of Opus Dei, a secretive Catholic organization. Nicole Charbonneau Barron, who is running for the Tories in Saint-Bruno-Saint-Hubert, is an active member of the ultra-orthodox society, the Tories confirmed yesterday.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

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“He has a huge rolodex... and his experience on the Olympic bids is invaluable”

An insider speaking about David Peterson, right, who is expected to chair Toronto's bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Pan Am

Former Ontario premier David Peterson will today be named chair of Toronto's bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games, Torstar News Service has learned.

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Conservatives drop bird-poo ad

Stephen Harper quick to apologize for Tory website

Election 2008

The Conservative Party has removed an image of a puffin dropping bird-poo on the shoulder of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion after complaints that it was a bit too much of a dirty trick.

A Conservatives' website, <http://notaleader.ca>, showed an animated puffin flying across the screen and plopping a white blob on the shoulder of Dion.

“It was in poor taste, and was removed as soon as it came to the attention of senior campaign officials,” said Harper spokesman Kory Teneycke.

Stephen Harper was quick to apologize and the Conservatives changed the



A Conservative website shows an animated puffin flying across the screen and plopping a white blob on the shoulder of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion yesterday.

graphic so that the puffin just flies by Dion without dropping anything.

Dion accepted Harper's

apology and declared: “This is saying more about them than about us.”

It was Harper's first gaffe

in a campaign that analysts have called tightly controlled machine so far.

REUTERS

Former PMs agree on climate-change action

Election 2008

POLITICS Barely two days into the federal election campaign, and four former prime ministers have joined a group of Canadians demanding immediate action on climate change, CBC News Online reports.

The group — composed of business people, environmentalists and academics — is calling itself Canadians for Climate Leadership, and will release a document next week entitled

Report calls for...

- The report calls for a \$30-a-tonne price tag on emissions, and says a “staggering” investment in green technologies is required.

Time To Get Serious on Climate Change. The document has been signed by four former prime ministers, Joe Clark and Kim Campbell, both Progressive Conservatives, and Liberals Paul Martin and John Turner.

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News in brief

FOOD A pilot project is being launched in four Ontario high schools with Food Network cooking show host David Rocco to get kids cooking healthy

stuff. Rocco is developing 16 healthy recipes that focus on nutrition and the importance of buying locally grown food.

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Tories, NDP block Greens

Harper, Layton steadfast in refusing to allow May to debate on TV

PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Canada

The Green party is still fighting to get into the leaders' debates, but the Conservatives and NDP stand in their way.

Green party Leader Elizabeth May was shut out of the debates by a consortium of TV broadcasters, which said other party leaders refused to participate if May was allowed to speak.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion has called for May to be included in the debate and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe backed off yesterday by saying he would take part either way.

But Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton remained steadfast. They said it would be a second voice for the Liberals because of May's comments supporting Dion and the fact the Liberals are not running a candidate against her in

Tough battle

- On legal turf, May faces a tough battle to challenge her exclusion. Charles Dalfen, a former chair of Canada's broadcast regulator, the Canadian Radio-television and

Telecommunications Commission, said May has no legal right to equal airtime in the biggest media event of the campaign.

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the Nova Scotia Central Nova riding.

"The idea that there's some kind of broad coalition with the Liberals is nonsense," said May. "We're running in 306 ridings across Canada where

we are trying to defeat Liberals and Liberals are trying to defeat Greens."

May said she wanted to use the debates as a way to expand on the Green party's platforms other than the environment — such as

fiscal responsibility and tax reform.

But an NDP spokesman told Metro News that May should not be allowed in the debates because of her comments supporting the Liberals — period.

"If Ms. May endorses Stéphane Dion for prime minister she can't be in this debate," said press secretary Ian Capstick.

Capstick said May wouldn't bring anything to the debate because the Green party is a single-issue party.

NDP

Workers claim they were duped

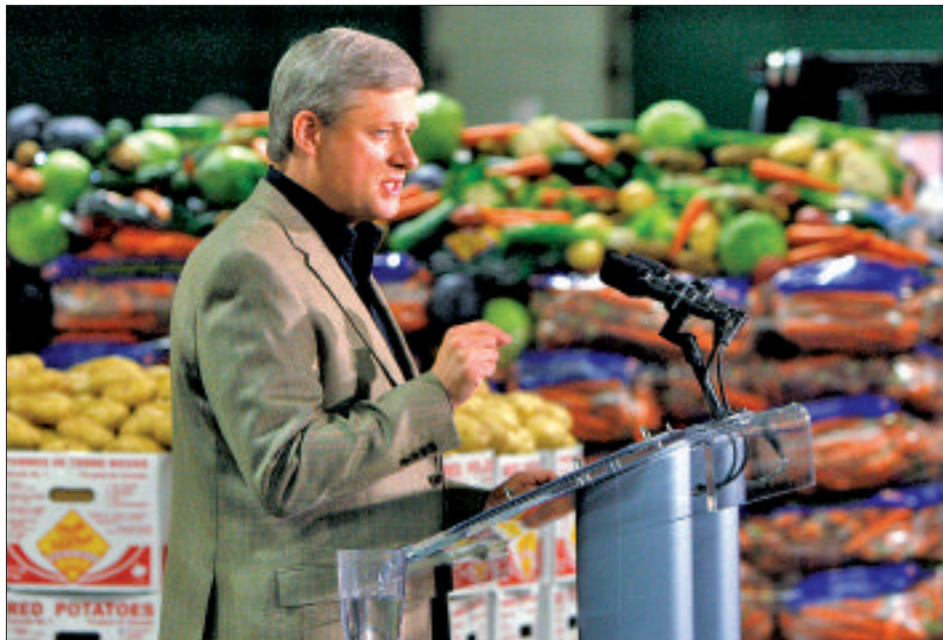
MEETING Desperate laid-off forestry workers said they were tricked into attending NDP Leader Jack Layton's town hall meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, Ont.

At least five members of the Canadian Energy and Paper Workers union told reporters they were told it was going to be a meeting about benefits.

"I got an e-mail from the union thinking it was a union meeting on severance and EI (Employment Insurance) benefits. When I seen the bus out front I knew there was a politician," said a man who refused to give his name.

However, Allan Pert, a life-long resident of Thunder Bay and laid-off sawmill worker, confirmed he received the same e-mail, which actually came from the CEP action centre, not the local union.

Besides this, Layton was also called on what appeared to be planted questions from the crowd of more than 100 supporters.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a campaign stop yesterday at a vegetable warehouse in Winnipeg.

Rooting out the important issues

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, often criticized for being wooden and humourless, sidestepped what could have been a prickly political question yesterday at an election whistle stop at a vegetable warehouse.

"If you were a vegetable, what type of vegetable

would you be?" a local television reporter asked Harper amid hoots of laughter from other reporters and Conservative Party officials.

Harper appeared to gaze at the neatly piled cabbages, cauliflowers and potatoes behind him as he searched for a reply.

"You know, I really don't

know how to answer that question. I've never been asked that question before, and I have a feeling that I can't win by answering it," he said.

"Let me say this. I would choose, if I had to, instead to be a fruit. Just what I am: Sweet and colourful."

REUTERS

Spending

Mayor blasts Harper, Dion

CITIES Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion rolled into Toronto yesterday looking to woo urban voters — and got a blast from Mississauga, Ont., Mayor Hazel McCallion demanding that Ottawa do more to help Canada's cities.

McCallion laid out a chilly welcome mat for the two leaders, telling a Mississauga Board of Trade luncheon that the cash being spent on the election triggered by the Conservatives — some \$297 million — should have been pumped into municipal infrastructure.

Stressing she's non-partisan, McCallion lambasted successive federal governments — Liberal and Conservative — for the fact that Ontario "has been discriminated against for many years."

There must be change, said McCallion. "Are we going to stand up and make that happen?"

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Issues

**David Suzuki**

Environment, economy linked

DEBATE Just days into the election campaign, the climate change debate is veering onto the wrong track with suggestions that taking care of the environment could hurt the economy, says David Suzuki. "Let's hope that the economy versus the environment (debate) will not continue, it's not either/or — without the environment there is no economy," Canada's most prominent environmentalist said.

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News in brief

CONCEPT The Liberals' Green Shift environmental plan has often been criticized as too complicated to sell to the public. So Stéphane Dion says he wants to simplify the concept, which is to raise taxes sharply on polluting activities and transfer the money back to Canadians in the form of lower personal and corporate income taxes. "It's very simple: I will give you the Liberal plan in six words," Dion now says. "Cut Income Taxes. Shift To Pollution."

WORDS The Gaelic translation of "Vote Green Party," according to Elizabeth May's brother, is "Vótadh Partaidh Uaine." May says "partaidh" is derived from the English word for party but spelled and pronounced differently.

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A U.S. senator has asked the Energy Department to revoke a recent order authorizing energy companies to export liquefied natural gas from Alaska. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon said that with Americans forecast to pay 22 per cent more for natural gas this winter, those supplies need to stay in the U.S. market. **REUTERS**

World



Stop chaining prisoners

European anti-torture investigators said yesterday Macedonia should stop chaining up its prison inmates and do more to fight corruption in its jails. Human rights watchdog the Council of Europe asked the former Yugoslav republic to confirm within a month that chains are no longer used, and follow other recommendations. **REUTERS**

McCain swaying white women?

Obama lags slightly behind in polls following Palin's nomination

Presidential candidate Barack Obama brushed aside a survey released yesterday that showed him losing support among white women voters to John McCain since Sarah Palin was named as his running mate.

A Washington Post/ABC News survey found most of McCain's surge in the polls

since the Republican convention was due to a big shift in support among white women voters.

"The notion that people are swinging back and forth in the span of a few weeks or a few days this wildly generally isn't borne out," Obama said.

The poll found the race for the White House is a

virtual tie, with Obama at 47 per cent support of registered voters and McCain at 46 per cent.

Before the Democratic convention in late August, Obama held an 8 percentage point lead among white women voters. But after the Republican convention, McCain was ahead by 12 points among

"There is no doubt that Governor Palin attracted a lot of attention this week."

Barack Obama

white women, 53 per cent to 41 per cent.

"There is no doubt that Governor Palin attracted a

lot of attention this week," Obama said.

"It has brought excitement to the Republican Party. What we're going to have to do is to see how things settle out over the next few weeks when people start examining who's actually going to deliver on the issues that people care about."

REUTERS

Some U.S. allies to leave Iraq

IRAQ The number of U.S. allies involved in the Iraq war will be reduced from about 29 to a "handful" before the end of the year, a senior U.S. official said yesterday. Eight thousand U.S. troops will also be pulled out by February, and further withdrawals will be deferred to the country's next president. The draw-down was reportedly facilitated by drops in violence in Iraq. **REUTERS**

22 nations back Obama: Poll

ELECTION Barack Obama may be struggling to nudge ahead of John McCain in polls at home, but people around the world want him in the White House, a BBC poll says.

All 22 countries in the poll would prefer to see Obama elected ahead of McCain. Additionally, in 17 of the 22 nations, people expect relations be-

World's '04 vote

- A similar poll conducted for the 2004 U.S. election found that 30 out of 25 would have preferred to see Democrat John Kerry, rather than incumbent George Bush, elected president.

tween the U.S. and the rest of the world to improve if

Obama wins.

More than 22,000 people were questioned by pollster GlobeScan in countries across Africa, Europe and South America.

The margin in favour of Obama ranged from 9 per cent in India to 82 per cent in Kenya, while an average of 49 per cent preferred Obama compared with McCain's 12 per cent. **REUTERS**

Russia sending warship to Caribbean

MOSCOW Russia said on Monday it would send a heavily-armed nuclear-powered cruiser, among other ships, to the Caribbean for a joint naval exercise with Venezuela.

Russian officials denied the mission was linked to a standoff with U.S. warships in the Black Sea,

while Washington downplayed the importance of the exercise.

Russia has criticised the United States for sending a command ship and two other naval vessels to Georgia, on its southern border, to deliver aid after Moscow sent troops into Georgia.

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the November mission would include the nuclear-powered battle cruiser "Peter the Great", one of the world's largest warships, as well as Moscow's most modern destroyer, the "Admiral Chabanenko", and other vessels. **REUTERS**

News in brief

DUBAI Two Britons charged with having sex on a beach in the United Arab Emirates had a hearing postponed yesterday because the policeman who

caught them failed to appear in the witness stand. The Britons, who were arrested in early July, pleaded not guilty last month to charges of hav-

ing sex in public and committing an indecent act in public, but have pleaded guilty to drinking alcohol without a license. **REUTERS**

Guatemala 'I have dignity'



A Guatemalan woman protests against "femicide," the systematic killing of women, in Guatemala City yesterday. Police say 438 women have been murdered so far this year.

Ike heads for Gulf but may miss oil fields

STORM Hurricane Ike moved into the Gulf of Mexico yesterday after causing as much as \$4 million in damage in Cuba over the weekend.

Oil producers have been fearful that Ike, now a Category 1 storm with 75 mph winds, would strike Gulf rigs, but the storm's current path appears to be

heading away.

Forecasters said Ike would likely regain power in the Gulf, possibly becoming a Category 3 storm again. **REUTERS**

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Colombia hopes for U.S. Congress 'lame duck' vote

Colombian officials have high hopes U.S. Congress will approve a free trade pact in a "lame duck" session after the Nov. 4 election. **REUTERS**

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An anti-government demonstrator waves the Thai national flag near the Government House in Bangkok yesterday. Following unpopular Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej's resignation, his party said it would re-elect him within the week.

Thai PM ousted

Hosting cooking show lands leader in hot water

After seven months of turbulent rule, Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej's passion for hot, spicy food has forced him out of power — only briefly.

The combative 73-year-old politician has survived months of street protests, graft probes, a hostile media, disobedient generals

and sniping from the country's revered king.

But he ran foul of the constitution by hosting TV cooking show "Tasting, Grumbling" while in office, a top court ruled yesterday, ordering him to resign because he had worked for a private broadcaster.

REUTERS

More food

• There was no immediate reaction to the verdict from Sundaravej, who only smiled at reporters as he toured a meat and vegetable market in northeast Thailand hours before the Constitutional Court ruling.

Visionary prize-winners

RESEARCH Two U.S. researchers whose work could boost efforts to eradicate blindness have won a one million euro prize, Portugal's Champalimaud Foundation said yesterday.

Dr. Jeremy Nathans and Dr. King-Wai Yau, both professors at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, share the award for their

work on how light is converted into electric signals used by the brain to create vision. The money will fund the scientists' "ongoing, cutting-edge vision research," the foundation said. The research may contribute to treatment of potentially blinding diseases as age-related retinal molecular degeneration. **REUTERS**

Re-enactment of 'Big Bang' gets online rap

GENEVA A project to re-enact the "Big Bang" at CERN near Geneva today is getting the rap treatment on the Internet from a group of young people working there.

The nearly five-minute video has been a big hit on YouTube and other sites.

The video, largely filmed in vast underground caverns along the Franco-Swiss border, explains the high-profile particle accelerator project. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ISRAEL The head of the main Jewish settlers organization in the occupied West Bank will not be sorry to see Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert resign in a corruption scandal.

Dani Dayan lives outside the barrier Israel is building in the West Bank and is a candidate for removal under the Olmert proposal. **REUTERS**

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Business in brief

SALES Microsoft Corp. says it has not seen a slowdown in consumer spending from the

slumping U.S. economy at its entertainment and devices division. **REUTERS**

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Housing market rebounds

Canadian housing starts rebounded in August, beating expectations, but some economists cautioned against reading too much into the number since it followed a weak reading in July.

Housing starts rose 13

per cent in August to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 211,000 units from 186,500 units in July, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said.

The bulk of the overall gain, which topped the consensus analysts' expect-

tation for 195,000 starts, was in Ontario, where there was an 81 per cent jump.

The government-owned CMHC attributed the surge to multiple-unit starts, which shot up 25.2 per cent to 114,700 units fol-

lowing a 20.2 per cent slide in July.

But some experts cautioned that since the bounce back in housing starts followed weakness, it doesn't mean that Canadian housing activity is buoyant. **REUTERS**

CAW moves to unionize WestJet

AIRLINE The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it has begun preliminary talks to unionize employees at WestJet Airlines Ltd., which has attributed a big part of its success to a non-union workforce.

The union kicked off its efforts following inquiries from a number of WestJet employees, according to the CAW's director of organizing, John Aman. **REUTERS**

San Francisco Apple rocks out



Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs, centre, and musician Jack Johnson, right, smile for photographers after Apple's "Let's Rock" media event in San Francisco, where Jobs introduced new versions of the popular iPod.

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High disposable income in Calgary has led to high interest in recreational real estate, even if the interest isn't leading to actual purchases.

According to the Royal LePage Report on Recreational Real Estate released earlier this summer, Albertans were the lowest in Canada to own cottages, but those who did were the most likely to own two or more.

Lai Sing Louie with Canada Mortgage and Housing

Corporation said the hottest properties to buy are in the mountain and lake resorts, such as Canmore, Fernie, or Sylvan Lake.

"You need a higher income to be able to afford a recreational property," said Louie, who adds that high disposable income is not unusual in Calgary.

Bob Aishford with Royal LePage in Canmore said he has seen more people in their 30s and 40s coming in and buying property, which was unheard of even 15 years ago, and said that many of the recreational amenities such as the Banff Centre are draw-

ing high interest to the community.

But if Calgarians are looking to finance a recreational property, it's not likely they'll have many choices, according to Adam Crosby with Mortgage Intelligence.

Crosby said that most people are now looking to refinance their property and take the equity out to invest in a second property, since a lot of lenders shy away from lending money for what they consider less marketable properties in small towns.

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The hottest properties to buy are in the mountain and lake resorts, experts say.

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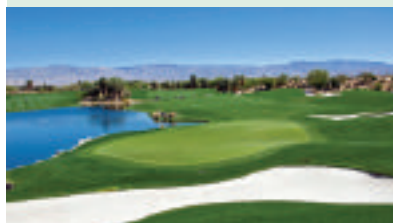
"If it's stretching your budget, it might not be a smart thing," said Crosby of refinancing, but says that many baby boomers

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"We've been squeezed out of everything because we own dogs or places have closed down."

Julie Brookes

While the market is considered great for buyers around Calgary for recreational real estate, some Calgarians are cashing in on the opportunities the U.S. market has brought their way.

Julie Brookes and her family recently purchased a piece of land down in

Montana in Lake Koo-canusa and lucked out on a full log cabin at an Amish auction.

Since June, she said, the family has been down there about 10 times and it's the perfect getaway from everything she does-

n't like in Calgary.

"It's perfect because it's only four hours away," Brookes said, adding that renting, camping, and bed and breakfasts have been consistent disappointments.

"We've been squeezed out of everything because we own dogs or places have closed down," she said.

For her six-year-old son, Colin, it's a place she doesn't have to keep him on a 10-foot leash, she said, and it's important to them as parents that he have a good place to go and be a kid.

While they're not in it for the investment, her friends bought in the same area just last year for a third of the price she paid and she's noticed more people gravitating towards owning recreational properties.

Shopping around in Western Canada revealed that it's "far better bang for your buck" down there and while timeshares were always an option, she said it's dependent on the individual since she doesn't "share well with others."

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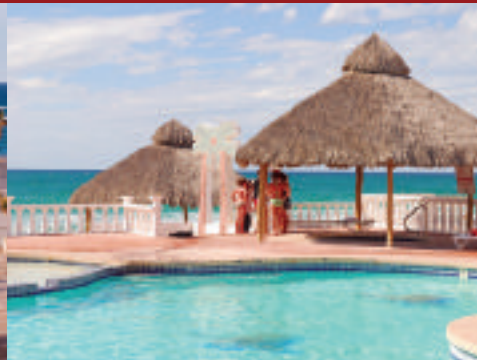
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Good Vibe-rations

Practicality takes centre stage for Pontiac compact

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada



If the Pontiac Vibe was an appetizer, it would be the California Roll — delicious sushi on the inside and yet easy to handle and appealing on the outside.

The Vibe is a product of a General Motors and Toyota alliance. Its sister car is the Toyota Matrix. While underneath, the Vibe utilizes a Toyota platform and engines, the exterior is modern Americana.

There are small differences between the two

content-wise — for instance a Monsoon stereo is only available on the Vibe (and a JBL stereo is exclusive to the Matrix) — but from the driver's seat you would be hard pressed to notice a different driving experience.

Probably the most popular variant will be the Vibe with all-wheel-drive, as its larger engine (2.4-litre 4-cylinder with 158 horsepower) and plastic-lined rear cargo area should make it the most practical for any environment.

From an enthusiast's standpoint, however, I

While underneath, the Vibe utilizes a Toyota platform and engines, the exterior is modern Americana.



wonder how long it'll take a Pontiac engineer to install a turbocharged Ecotec engine into the Vibe.

Inside, again, practicality

takes centre stage. A handy-dandy 115-volt (100W) dash-mounted plug means you'll no longer have to buy separate car chargers for your electronic gizmos. There are cubby holes everywhere, controls fall easily to hand, and the driving position seems to fit a wide range of body types.

Now, the biggest difference between the Vibe and Matrix is on price: the

Vibe starts at \$15,995; the Matrix at \$15,705. Top range models are different altogether: the Vibe GT starts at \$24,995, the Matrix XRS at \$25,220. Transaction prices, though, favour the ever-eager-to-deal Pontiac salespeople — plus any deals the General has cooked up.

So the Vibe is basically a Toyota. I think for North America, re-skinning a winning design to attract univer-

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sal appeal is an admirable strategy. I'm sure the attractive Vibe will sell in spades.

Just keep hoping for a mid-summer clearance sale at your local dealer.

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When it comes to auto insurance, many Canadians are not sure what's fact or fiction. To help you better understand auto insurance, RBC Insurance debunks the top five auto insurance myths.

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2. If I use my car for work and have an accident, my employer's insurance will cover it.

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3. Parking tickets increase insurance premiums.

Parking tickets do not affect insurance premiums. But a licence suspension from unpaid fines can affect your driving record, resulting in higher insurance premiums.

4. If my friend borrows my car and has an accident, their insurance will pay for damages.

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The Lexus models before the IS F — the IS 250 and IS 350 — are plenty sporty in their own rites, but can't come close to the F for sheer driving exhilaration and outright raw performance.

Shattering stereotypes

High-performing IS F hard to resist

JOE KNYCHA
for Metro Canada



2009 Lexus IS F

Type: Sedan
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Engine: V8, DOHC, 5.2L
HP: 416@6600
Torque: 371@5200

Highlights

- Athletic styling
- Sport performance appeal
- Tremendous smoothness
- Unique exhaust system sounds

The Lexus IS F is possibly the first Lexus of any of the brand's stripe to be instantly recognized as a serious, take-no-prisoners sports car.

The models before it — the IS 250 and IS 350 — are plenty sporty in their own rites, but can't come close to the F for sheer driving exhilaration and outright raw performance.

This chest-thumping, bellowing beast puts the "high" in performance. It seats five in leather-wrapped, hand-stitched comfort and will carry most of their luggage, too.

And if that doesn't get your attention, just listen to the thing in full song as it rips ever so precisely through the eight gears in its "Sport Direct Shift" automatic transmission.

It sounds so cool that Lexus has built an advertising campaign around the IS F's unique engine/exhaust sounds.

The F takes the IS series

design, bulks it up and stomps the road into submission with an all-new 5.2-litre V8 engine that delivers 416 hp at 6,600 rpm and 371 lb-ft of torque at 5,200 revs, to the rear wheels.

Based on the LS 460 engine, the F powerplant introduces a new direct and port fuel injection system that combines direct-to-cylinder injection with secondary port injectors, extracting maximum energy from the fuel during high-performance driving conditions, while producing a precise burn to optimize power and efficiency under less strenuous circumstances.

Visual clues that allude to its athleticism are found everywhere, from the redesigned front grille and fascia, bulging hood, flared fenders, huge Brembo brakes front and rear, lowered body and vertically stacked, twin exhaust ports sticking out the back, and from which emanate those dulcet and intoxicating sounds.

With a top speed of 270 km/h (electronically limited), a zero-100 km/h time of 4.8 seconds and a quarter-mile time of 13 seconds flat, this car is expected to broaden the Lexus appeal to include performance-driving enthusiasts who would not otherwise consider the brand.

Steering is quick and direct, assisted by a calibrated electric power system, with no on-centre vagueness detected; the driver feels well in touch with the road and the car inspires confidence.

Seldom, if ever, has so much power, technology, style, build quality and sheer excitement been available to buyers in the IS F's price range.

More truck for less money

Chrysler Canada announced new pricing for the 2009 Dodge Ram 1500, giving customers more truck for a lot less money. With an average price reduction of \$2,200 along with \$2,500 of added equipment, the new Dodge Ram delivers \$4,700 of added value versus the

model that it replaces.

The 2009 Dodge Ram features three-cab configurations, four trim levels, all-new exterior and interior styling and many segment-first features and Best-in-Class capabilities.

The 2009 Dodge Ram is available for \$25,995 for Regular Cab models,

\$30,295 for Quad Cab models and \$34,190 for Ram Crew 1500 models.

The 2009 Dodge Ram arrives in dealerships this fall.

"The all-new Dodge Ram is simply the best truck at the best value in Canada," says Mark Bosanac, vice-president of marketing, Chrysler Canada.

Happy Halloween

No city in the world celebrates Halloween like Salem, Mass. Starting Oct. 2, The 27th Annual Salem Haunted Happenings will overtake the city for a full month of events including The Official Salem Witches Halloween Ball. Visit HauntedHappenings.org. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Travel



Heathrow T5 is back on track

British Airways' intercontinental flights to London will begin using Heathrow's spectacular new Terminal 5 this month and next. The transfer from Terminal 4 was to occur in April, but was put off after T5's opening proved truly chaotic, what with staff shortages; long, long lines at check-in; and hundreds of cancelled and delayed flights. British Airways officials say T5 is operating smoothly now. AVIATION.COM

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A weekend in the Windy City

Chicago holds a reputation in North America for being a city of culture, with opulent art, innovative architecture and shopping venues that appeal to people from all walks of life. One of the best ways to enjoy Chicago is on foot, but the Windy City on Lake Michigan also offers transit by train, bus, cab and water taxi, which can help tourists cover a lot of terrain easily.

Friday

5 p.m. Sip a Mojito Chic cocktail made from 10-cane rum at the Lobby Bar & Lounge in the Marriott Hotel on the Magnificent Mile before setting out along the upscale shopping strip known for such iconic structures as the Wrigley Building and the Tribune Tower.

7 p.m. Enjoy spectacular views of the city and Lake Michigan while dining in the Signature Lounge on the 96th floor of the John Hancock Center on Michigan Avenue, a 100-storey building with a screened outdoor observatory. Sample cocktails or opt to eat a range of appetizers, including the baked Brie and the chipotle guacamole, instead of a full meal.

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Take the "Chicago Architecture Foundation Highlights by Bus" tour, which covers such notable areas as the Loop, Hyde Park, the Gold Coast, the lakefront and historic neighborhoods. The tour includes stops at works by such internationally renowned architects as



The Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park against part of the city's impressive skyline.

Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Rem Koolhaas and others.

1:15 p.m. Lunch on a salad of tomato, mozzarella, basil and balsamic dressing in the Garden Restaurant courtyard at the Art Institute of Chicago.

2:30 p.m. Tour highlights of the art institute galleries before heading outside to wander through nearby Millennium Park and see Anish Kapoor's reflective "Cloud Gate" sculpture shaped like a bean, Jaume Plensa's "Crown Fountain" and architect Frank Gehry's Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

5:30 p.m. Hop on the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise at the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue Bridge and Wacker Drive for the evening tour. Sit on the outer edge of the deck, sipping a glass of wine, and take in views of Chicago's skyscrapers while listening to the historical details

about the structures.

7:30 p.m. Enjoy a draft beer at the historic Berghoff restaurant, one of the city's oldest, on Adams Street in the Loop.

8:30 p.m. Dine on distinctive Chicago-style stuffed or thin-crust pizza at Giordano's on Jackson Boulevard.

10:15 p.m. Watch a spectacular fireworks display from the patio of Riva restaurant on Navy Pier, a cultural centre originally built as a municipal wharf and used for naval training in the Second World War.

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Take the scenic elevated train ride west to Oak Park from the Loop on the Chicago Transit Authority's Green Line.

11 a.m. Tour architect Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio. Wright lived and worked in the structure from 1889 to 1909, developing his signa-

ture American Prairie Style architecture and raising six children with his first wife.

12:30 p.m. Get a take away lunch at the Tasty Dog on Lake Street and eat in Scoville Park en route to Wright's Unity Temple. The temple was designed in 1905 as a place of worship for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and has since been designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

2 p.m. Visit and tour the Victorian home where author Ernest Hemingway was born in 1899. The restored Queen Anne-style house was built in 1890 by Hemingway's maternal grandparents.

3:30 p.m. Stroll to the Ernest Hemingway Museum and enjoy temporary and permanent exhibitions comprised of memorabilia related to the author's life and career before heading back to the Loop.

REUTERS

Massive faith in South Korea

TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest Christian congregation in the world is not located where you might expect it to be. Instead of calling the southern U.S. home, the Yoido Full Gospel Church — which boasts an astonishing 750,000-plus worshippers — can be found just outside Seoul, South Korea.

Though the country is predominantly Buddhist, there is indeed a powerful Christian contingent. Take one look at the exterior of the Yoido Full Gospel Church, and you'll have an idea of its scale.

In fact, it's hard to quell the thought that this red-brick dome topped with a giant cross looks like a stadium, and that I'm headed to a concert rather than a Wednesday morning religious service. Right on cue, a crowd of elderly women move past me in a mad dash to get a good seat.

It seems that despite the size of the venue, the pews fill up quickly, so it's best to

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come early.

In the guts of the building, three floors of seats are placed in a semi-circle facing the stage. All eyes are on a joyous choir, singing and swaying to synthesized music. The church is devoid of stained-glass windows and religious iconography, but it does have several large screens above the stage and camera men panning across the crowd.

The church has a BYOB policy — bring your own Bible. But it does provide headphones, which I plug into a little black box offering English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, Indonesian and Arabic translations. With patience, I'm able to understand a bit of what retired Rev. David Yonggi Cho is saying.

"Our neighbours in North Korea are suffering. We must care about social problems. They are our brothers, sisters and neighbours. Love your neighbours and love the church with your soul, body and mind," he preaches. Though 72 years old, his voice echoes through the church. The crowd breathes a collective Amen.

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Entertainment

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Oprah Winfrey to guest on 30 Rock

TV Oprah Winfrey will be starring in an upcoming episode of hit U.S. comedy 30 Rock, imdb.com reports.

The media titan was earlier this month rumoured to be making a guest appearance on the show.

Alec Baldwin, who stars in the Tina Fey comedy, has confirmed that the chat show queen will feature in the new series, adding to the starry lineup.

In brief

MOVIES Sex And The City star Chris Noth wants the sequel to the hit movie to be filmed in London, imdb.com reports. The film version of the popular TV show hit the big screen earlier this year and there are already rumours that movie bosses are planning a followup. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Post-Oscar flops

Some filmmakers fail to follow up on success

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Some critics are downright disheartened by Burn After Reading — the Coen Brothers' highly-anticipated follow-up to No Country for Old Men.

Todd McCarthy of Variety even called it a "film that feels misjudged from the opening scene and thereafter." That's pretty surprising for the subsequent effort to last year's Academy Award-winning Best Film. Isn't it?

Well, not exactly. While no one is slotting Burn After Reading in the same category as say, SuperBabies: Baby Geniuses

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Take John Madden for instance, who followed-up his award-winning romantic-drama Shakespeare in Love with the dreary Nicolas Cage adaptation of Captain Corelli's Mandolin. And don't forget filmmaker Rob Marshall who won the Oscar for Chicago only to let movie fans down with Memoirs of a Geisha two years later.

These are just two critically praised filmmakers who failed to follow-up their statuettes with a mas-

terful flick.

In 1985, filmmaker Sydney Pollack took Robert Redford Out of Africa and transported him to stinky Havana. The huge 1990 epic was a bust both at the box office and with critics.

Peter Travers of Rolling Stone wrote, "You expect more of stars Robert Redford and Lena Olin, director Sydney Pollack and a \$40 million budget than an uncredited and unpalatable rehash of Casablanca." Yikes! That's a long road from standing behind the winner's podium at the Oscars show.

Perhaps the biggest post-Oscar flop has come courtesy of none other than Ron Howard. Skilled as he is behind the camera, after tak-



Ethan and Joel Coen review a take with actor George Clooney on the set of Burn After Reading, which opens on Friday.

ing home the big prize for 2001's A Beautiful Mind, the actor-turned-auteur came up with The Missing.

With a budget of \$65 million, the Tommy Lee Jones/Cate Blanchett thriller was a huge post-Oscar disappointment, earning less than half its budget back. It seems the only thing really missing was a follow-up movie that an audience was hungry to see.

Whether Burn After Reading will fall under the same curse that The Missing did is yet to be determined, but perhaps that doesn't even concern the Coens.

Instead, maybe the brothers share the theory of journalist Herbert B. Swope who once said, "I cannot give the formula for success, but I can give you the formula of failure — which is try to please everybody."

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Knightley says no to pirates

Keira Knightley has no intention of starring in a new Pirates of the Caribbean movie. The actress, who has played Elizabeth Swann in three films in the franchise, admits even if producers ask her to reprise her role she would turn them down. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](#)



In brief

VIDEO Amazon.com has premiered the video for a new Bob Dylan song, "Dreamin' of You," starring veteran character actor Harry Dean Stanton as a Dylan bootlegger travelling the country to peddle his wares. Dreamin' is the first taste of Tell Tale Signs: The Bootleg Series Vol. 8, due Oct. 7 via Columbia, which rounds up 27 rarities from the past 20-odd years of Dylan's career.

ONLINE They're called the Blah Girls and they've got plenty to say about celebrities, most of it cheeky. The three animated gossip queens — Tiffany, Britney and Krystle — are dedicated to spreading rumour and comment on the Internet on the latest pop culture happenings. And all from what their creators hope is a unique teen perspective. Launched on Monday, the Blah Girls are the latest creation from actor Ashton Kutcher and his fellow entertainment entrepreneur Jason Goldberg.

MUSIC R&B singer Beyoncé will release her third solo album in the United States on Nov. 18, her Columbia Records label said. The as-yet-untitled album marks the followup to her 2006 disc B'Day.

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Booker shortlist announced

India well represented in this year's search for the best in fiction

Tales from rural India, secretive Ireland and strike-riven northern England are all vying for the Man Booker Prize for Fiction, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards.

Aravind Adiga, whose book *The White Tiger* tracks the ambitions and divided loyalties of the son of a rickshaw puller from an Indian village, is a first-time novelist.

The former *TIME* magazine correspondent is the bookmakers' favourite to take the annual prize, worth about \$90,000 to the

winner.

A second Indian writer is on the shortlist of six, Kolkata-born Amitav Ghosh with *Sea of Poppies*, a story set on an old slave ship before the Opium Wars.

But there was no place for Mumbai-born Salman Rushdie, who was named Best of the Booker winners in July to mark the prize's 40th anniversary.

The renowned novelist won the Booker prize in 1981 with *Midnight's Children*, but his latest work *The Enchantress of Florence* failed to make the shortlist despite being

heavily backed by bookies when it appeared on the longlist.

The second debut novelist on the shortlist this year is a former private investigator from Australia, Steve Toltz, and his book of familial adventure *A Fraction of the Whole*.

Linda Grant's *The Clothes on Their Backs*, a book about the psychology of clothes, has been nominated, as has Irish writer Sebastian Barry, whose *The Secret Scripture* depicts the shocking story of a woman growing up in Sligo in the 1930s.

British novelist Philip Hensher uses the 1984 backdrop of the miners' strike to follow the lives of two families and a changing social landscape in the north of England over 20 years in his book *The Northern Clemency*.

Chair of the judges Michael Portillo described each of the six pieces of work as an "extraordinary example of imagination



JERRY BAUER/REUTERS

Author Amitav Ghosh's *Sea of Poppies* made the shortlist.



JAMES DARLING/REUTERS

The books up for the Booker prize this year.

and narrative," as he announced the shortlist yesterday.

"These fine page-turning stories nonetheless raise highly thought-provoking ideas and issues. These books are in every case both ambitious and approachable."

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critics' corner

The Berkeley Sessions

No, not the California university. This new series is a showcase for musical performances at Toronto's Berkeley Church, an imposing yet intimate venue for all kinds of special events. The opener features indie rocker Joel Plaskett performing with his dad, Bill, a veteran of the Nova Scotia folk scene. 6 PM on BRAVO



Ghost Hunters International

As they say across the pond, who ya gonna ring up? The series that follows a team of investigators through purportedly haunted sites has taken its act overseas. In the premiere, the team visits England's Chillingham Castle, called the most haunted castle in the U.K., and Mary King's Close in Edinburgh, Scotland, believed to be haunted by the spirits of plague victims. 8 PM on SPACE

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Boy for Bernal
Actor Gael Garcia Bernal and actress Dolores Fonzi are expecting a boy. "It's a chico! A boy!" he told People. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Driver gives birth to boy

MOTHERHOOD Minnie Driver became a first-time mom to son Henry Story Driver, People.com reports her rep as saying.

The baby was born Friday in Los Angeles and weighed nine pounds, 12 ounces, rep Jessica Kolstad says.

Driver, 38, who has not revealed the identity of the father, has said that the dad will be involved in the baby's life.

"He's going to be a dad so, yeah, he's going to be there for the kid," she said. "I'm not getting married to this person and I don't know

what's going to happen but everyone is cool about the situation."

As the new mom takes on her most important role yet, Driver says she is looking forward to simply observing and spending time with her child.

"Babies are endlessly fascinating to look at and I'm obsessed about their complete and utter lack of guile. I'm looking forward to seeing life through the eyes of my own kid."

She also says she plans on spending lots of time hanging out at the beach with her child.

"I love the ocean and this baby will probably be surfing and swimming before it can walk."

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Kids changed Damon

CHILDREN Actor Matt Damon loves that he's become a dad again, because his new baby daughter has opened up his heart, imdb.com reports.

Damon's wife, Luciana Barroso, gave birth to the couple's second child, Gia Zavala Damon, last month.

"It probably influences me in ways I'm not even

aware of," Damon said. "I think certainly once you have kids it's hard not to see your child in every other child that you meet. And when you see the way a lot of children live in the world it makes you very angry as a parent."

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celebrity brief

Barton gets hair fashion line

PEOPLE Actress Mischa Barton is to launch her own range of hair accessories, imdb.com reports.

The former The O.C. star has teamed up with accessories designer Stacey Lapidus on a line called Mischa Barton for Stacey Lapidus. Barton's range of headbands will be made from materials including silk, feathers, crystals and pearls.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Jerry O'Connell says he made a big mistake on **Conan O'Brien's** show when he joked about the size of **Rebecca Romijn**, who is expecting the couple's twins.

This statement shows Jerry is a master of the understatement. Apparently, his Secret Identity is being a huge idiot. It's hard to believe anyone with such a poor grasp of the female psyche ever got close enough to one to get her pregnant.

Jerry needs to read the pregnancy book I wrote especially for celebrity fathers-to-be. It's called Celebspawn: Anticipating the Arrival of Your Craven Publicist's Future Pawns. In it, Jerry will learn many women are apt to feel self-conscious about their size while pregnant, and may be sensitive to remarks you make about it on, say, national television. He will learn nicknames like Goodyear, Earthball and H.R. Puffinstuff are rarely appreciated. He'll learn the three stages of celebrity pregnancy are gestation, childbirth, and negotiation with People Magazine for the photo rights. And lastly, Jerry will learn that if he doesn't let her cool down, the flowers he brings home will also be his dinner. I believe it was Shakespeare who wrote, "Hell hath no fury like a pregnant woman mocked on Conan."

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O'Connell sorry for gaffe

RELATIONSHIPS Jerry O'Connell admits he made a big mistake, People.com reports.

The star of the new sitcom Do Not Disturb is apologizing to wife Rebecca Romijn — who is pregnant with twin girls — for joking about her size when he appeared on a late-night talk show recently.

"I regret calling my wife

'huge' on Conan O'Brien," O'Connell says. "I meant to say that there are specific areas of my wife that are larger than normal and growing every day. All other portions of my wife are quite petite. I apologize to her and will be coming home with flowers."

O'Connell, 34, and Romijn, 36, who will appear on Ugly Betty again this fall, expect their daughters this winter. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



celebrity brief

Simpson excited for pregnant sis

FAMILY Jessica Simpson can't wait for her sister Ashlee to give birth, us-magazine.com reports.

"I'm going to spoil the kid rotten, that's for sure," she says. "I think my sister's going to be pretty strict, actually,

because she's been so good throughout her pregnancy."

She denies that Ashlee and her husband Pete Wentz will be on double diaper duty this fall. "Definitely not twins," Jessica says.

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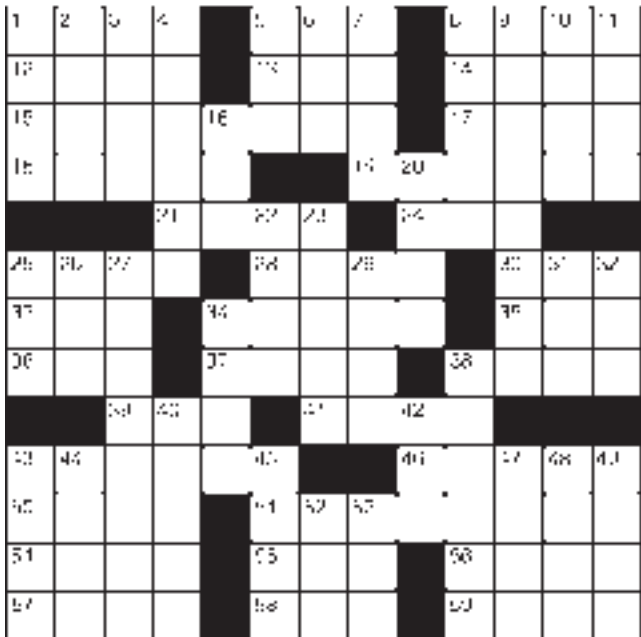
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George not godfather material?

Brad Pitt is shooting down rumours that fellow actor George Clooney is the godfather of his twins Knox and Vivienne. "No, he hates children," Pitt joked to Extra. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)



Take Five



Crossword down

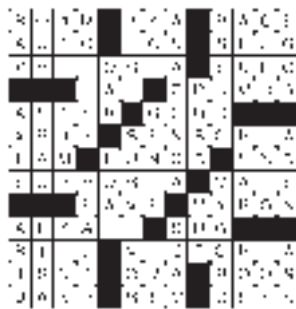
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| 1 Probability | 29 Reverberate |
| 2 Bride's accessory | 31 Teensy |
| 3 Otherwise | 32 Toddler's perch |
| 4 Well | 34 "Consarn it!" |
| 5 Auto | 38 Facial growths |
| 6 Affix | 40 Biscotti flavor |
| 7 Fence part | 42 Fabled flier |
| 8 Perfect | 43 Run-down part of the city |
| 9 Reveal | 44 Mexican money |
| 10 Sea eagle | 45 Advantage |
| 11 Progeny | 47 Blue shade |
| 16 Mimic | 48 Blood (Pref.) |
| 20 Start over | 49 Flight component |
| 22 Yellow-flowered shrub | 52 Squid fluid |
| 23 Dark, as twilight | 53 Seek damages |
| 25 Big fib | |
| 26 Intend | |
| 27 Find | |

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Crossword across

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| 1 Microwave, e.g. | 25 "— and the Tramp" | 41 Bygone times |
| 5 Upper limit | 28 Coloured | 43 Moocher |
| 8 Mid-month date | 30 One who gives a hoot? | 46 Dirty words |
| 12 Sandwich shop | 33 Midafternoon, on a sundial | 50 Jeans-maker Strauss |
| 13 Ruckus | 34 "Saturday Night Fever" venue | 51 Unobtrusive |
| 14 Catastrophic | 35 Vast expanse | 54 Works with |
| 15 Tosses out | 36 Type squares | 55 Wildebeest |
| 17 Slave to crosswords? | 37 Egyptian cross | 56 Knighted woman |
| 18 Insomniac's need | 38 Honk | 57 Oliver Twist's request |
| 19 Found the source of | 39 Sardines container | 58 — out a living |
| 21 Unchaste | | 59 Feed the hogs |
| 24 Right angle | | |

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Make a decision and you stand your ground. A new adventure will be a no-win situation. A naive person will be getting ahead.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A no-win situation will bite the dust. A buddy's loyalty will give you strength. An adversary will get aggravated dealing with a challenge.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Snooping and sarcasm will cause problems. Flee when a finicky man gets into a snit. A woman reveals some pleasant news.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A cynic plans to make a significant move. A woman feels confused by a needy person. A game player just can't be changed.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Management won't allow you to be too thrilling. An anxious person will be very annoying. When you want something enough, you'll grab it.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Something confidential will be blurted out. A friend is getting special treatment. Someone will learn from a bad example.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Ancient wisdom will come in handy. A missing object is responsible for painful memories. Seek guidance when a relationship causes turmoil.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Obeys the dictates of your conscience. Set out your talents for the whole world to see. Be polite when asked for your opinion.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Somebody's diplomatic tactics will be tested. Only you can manage a visionary idea. An elder will surface after spending time with a friend.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Your natural traits will bring in a surprise. Intense moments are shared with a friend. Cherish today and don't worry about tomorrow.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

There'll be happy hours spent with strangers. Your chances of making a fresh start will increase. You'll be flustered when a remark is overheard.



PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Concentrate on avoiding a stumbling block. You'll attract attention when you take a rest. Make plans to get help when a visitor arrives.



Sudoku

		5				6	8	
6	8						7	
			9		8	5		
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			1		4			
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previous day's answer

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5	3	9	2	8	1	4	6	7
4	8	7	6	9	3	1	5	2
6	1	4	7	2	5	8	9	3
2	9	8	3	6	4	7	1	5
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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13-17 min. Scholar

17-21 min. Smart

21-25 min. Not bad

25+ min. Keep practising

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4. A type of fish that is found in the ocean.

5. A type of bird that is found in the forest.

6. A type of fruit that is found in the garden.

7. A type of flower that is found in the field.

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